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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
LOU DERUBEIS



Community Emergency  
Response Team



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) –  
Minutes of Special Meeting **DRAFT**

DATE:	Wednesday, March 20, 2024
TIME:	7:00pm
LOCATION:	<b>In person</b> – Stamford Government Center, Emergency Operations Center, 6 <sup>th</sup> floor <b>Via Microsoft Teams:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a> Meeting ID: 265 300 070 811 ; Passcode: jK2U3 <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a> <b>Via Telephone:</b> <a href="#">+1 929-346-7262,,14140857#</a> ; Phone Conference ID: 141 408 57#

Meeting Attendance. The following CERT Members attended the meeting in person:

1. Linda Ziac
2. Gene Conti
3. Christina Kovacs
4. Susan Bach
5. Donnalisa Persiani
6. Angela Salvatore
7. Linda Lyons
8. Patrick Esposito
9. Jon Perelstein
10. Richard Gillespie
11. Barbara Sexton
12. Marcia Mandi
13. Karl Sygall
14. Linda Lakin
15. Anthony Simone
16. Bxhon G. Fireharm
17. Gulam Mohiuddin Kakiwala
18. Sergio F. Roque
19. Ricardo Arce
20. Alvin Maroquin
21. Lourdes Roque
22. Rosa D. Colomai
23. Joe Esposito
24. Jevera Hennessey
25. Kenneth Wenberg
26. Joseph Collin
27. Pete Muller

28. Sherill Stovel
29. Jon Gallup
30. Amme DeJongh
31. Bridgenne Mallozzi
32. Phillip Berns
33. Patty Boyd
34. Sarah Boyd
35. Yessenio Simenes

The following were present electronically via Microsoft Teams:

1. Steve Urso
2. Paul Elrich
3. Keyosha Duncan-Freeman
4. Lance Finick
5. Bill Catanzaro
6. Sean Grogan (later appeared in person).

Also attending in person: Lou DeRubeis, Amy LiVolsi, Mike Robles, Brittany Dube and Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons. Also attending via Microsoft Teams: Kathy Ruther

<b>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - AGENDA DETAILS</b>		
ITEM #	ITEM NAME	PURPOSE
1.	Call to Order	<p>John Perelstein called the meeting or order at 7:09 p.m. and administered the CERT Loyalty Oath to those CERT members in attendance.</p> <p>John Perelstein made opening remarks and introduced Stamford's Director of Safety, Health &amp; Welfare Lou DeRubeis. Director DeRubeis welcomed those in attendance and spoke as to the positive impact of CERT.</p>
2.	Sign-In Sheet	Instructions regarding voluntary sign-in sheet for those members who want their attendance recorded.
3.	By-Laws	<p>The Draft By-Laws were presented. John Perelstein moved they be approved and adopted; motion seconded by John Gallup.</p> <p>The motion was unanimously approved.</p>
4.	Board of Directors	<p>a. <u>Election of elected Directors</u>            Jon Perelstein explained there are a total of seven directors on the Board – three to be appointed by Director DeRubeis, and four to be elected by the membership present this evening. The four elected members will serve terms that are staggered in length at 4, 3, 2, and 1 year.</p> <p>John Perelstein nominated four individuals to be elected to the Board and spoke briefly about their qualifications to serve on the Board. They were Anne deJongh; Barbara Sexton; Jill Tomasello and Steve Urso. Perelstein then called for nominations from the</p>

		<p>floor. Gulam Mohiuddin Kakiwala (aka Mohi) nominated himself and described his qualifications to serve. There being no further nominees, Perelstein explained that all five candidates will be considered for election to each of the available terms as detailed in the By-Laws.</p> <p>The first election was for the <b>four (4) year</b> term. The nominees received the following total votes:</p> <p>deJongh: 0; Sexton: 17; Tomasello 0; Urso 22; Kakiwala 0. Urso was elected to fill this term.</p> <p>The next election was for the <b>three (3) year</b> term. The nominees received the following total votes:</p> <p>deJongh: 1; Sexton: 37; Tomasello 2; Kakiwala 0. Sexton was elected to fill this term.</p> <p>The next election was for the <b>two (2) year</b> term. The nominees received the following total votes:</p> <p>deJongh: 1; Tomasello 32; Kakiwala 6. Tomasello was elected to fill this term.</p> <p>The next election was for the <b>one (1) year</b> term. The nominees received the following total votes:</p> <p>deJongh: 24; Kakiwala 15. deJongh was elected to fill this term.</p> <p>b. <u>Announcement of appointed Directors</u> Director DeRubeis announced his appointment of the following three (3) Directors: Mike Robles, Brittany Dube and Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons.</p> <p>Note: All Directors were present with the exception of Ms. Tomasello who could not attend the meeting.</p> <p>Note: Please see the attached Schedule A for a list of members' votes.</p>
5.	Officers	<p>Perelstein announced there are seven officer positions in CERT. All of which are contained in the By-Laws.</p> <p>Appointment of Officer. The first Executive Officer is appointed by the Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare. Director De Rubeis appointed Jon Perelstein to the position of Executive Officer.</p> <p>Election of Officers. The Board of Directors elected the remaining six officers as follows:</p>

		<p>Perelstein nominated Steve Urso as Operations Officer and called for additional nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Perelstein moved Steve Urso be elected as Operations Officer. Motion seconded by [REDACTED]. The Directors voted unanimously in favor of Urso.</p> <p>Perelstein nominated Donnalisa Persiani as Communications Officer and called for additional nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Perelstein moved Donnalisa Persiani be elected as Communications Officer. Motion seconded by [REDACTED]. The Directors voted unanimously in favor of Persiani.</p> <p>Perelstein nominated Sean Grogan as Training Officer and called for additional nominations from the floor. There were two nominations from the floor. Susan Bach nominated herself and Kenneth Winberg nominated himself. All three nominees spoke briefly describing their qualifications to serve in this position.</p> <p>Perelstein moved [REDACTED] be elected as Training Officer. Motion seconded by [REDACTED]. The Directors voted as follows:  Grogan: Urso, deJongh, Robles, Fitzgibbons.  Bach: Dube.  Winberg: Sexton.  Grogan was elected as Training Officer.</p> <p>Perelstein nominated Barbara Sexton as Information Officer and called for additional nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Perelstein moved Barbara Sexton be elected as Information Officer. Motion seconded by [REDACTED]. The Directors voted unanimously in favor of Sexton.</p> <p>Perelstein nominated Richard Gillespie as Logistics Officer and called for additional nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Perelstein moved Richard Gillespie be elected as Logistics Officer. Motion seconded by [REDACTED]. The Directors voted unanimously in favor of Gillespie.</p> <p>Perelstein nominated Peter Muller as Finance &amp; Administration Officer and called for additional nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Perelstein moved Peter Muller be elected as Finance and Administration Officer. Motion seconded by [REDACTED]. The Directors voted unanimously in favor of Muller.</p>
6.	Meeting calendar	<p>Perelstein reviewed the proposed regular meeting dates for 2024. [REDACTED] moved to approve the dates presented. Motion seconded by [REDACTED]. The Directors unanimously approved the proposed dates.</p>

7.	Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.
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Submitted by: Amy Livolsi / Kathy Ruther

**SCHEDULE A**

**the Board of Directors - 4 year term**

Each nominee received an affirmative vote from the person(s) listed in the column below their name.

Nominee Steve Urso** WINNER	Nominee Barbara Sexton	Nominee Jill Tomasello	Nominee Anne deJohng	Nominee Mohi Kakiwala
Linda Ziac Donnalisa Persiani Jon Perelstein Richard Gillespie Barbara Sexton Marcia Mandi Karl Sygall Linda Lakin Anthony Simone Alvin Maroquin Rosa D. Colomai Joe Esposito Jevera Hennessey Joseph Collin Sherill Stovel Jon Gallup Bridgenne Mallozzi Steve Urso Paul Elrich Keyosha Duncan- Freeman Lance Finick Bill Catanzaro	Gene Conti Christina Kovacs Susan Bach Angela Salvatore Linda Lyons Patrick Esposito Bxhon G. Fireharm Gulam Mohiuddin Kakiwala Sergio F. Roque Ricardo Arce Lourdes Roque Kenneth Wenberg Pete Muller Amme DeJongh Phillip Berns Patty Boyd Sarah Boyd Yessenio Simenes	None	None	None

**For the Board of Directors - 3 year term**

Each nominee received an affirmative vote from the person(s) listed in the column below their name.

	Nominee Barbara Sexton** WINNER	Nominee Jill Tomasello	Nominee Anne deJohng	Nominee Mohi Kakiwala
	Linda Ziac Donnalisa Persiani Jon Perelstein Richard Gillespie Barbara Sexton Marcia Mandi Karl Sygall Linda Lakin Anthony Simone Alvin Maroquin Rosa D. Colomai Joe Esposito Jevera Hennessey Joseph Collin Bridgenne Mallozzi Steve Urso Paul Elrich Keyosha Duncan-Freeman Lance Finick Bill Catanzaro Gene Conti Christina Kovacs Angela Salvatore Linda Lyons Patrick Esposito Bxhon G. Fireharm Gulam Mohiuddin Kakiwala Sergio F. Roque Ricardo Arce Lourdes Roque Kenneth Wenberg Pete Muller Amme DeJongh Phillip Berns Patty Boyd Sarah Boyd Yessenio Simenes	Sherill Stovel Jon Gallup	Susan Bach	None
Total	37	2	1	0

**For the Board of Directors - 2 year term**

Each nominee received an affirmative vote from the person(s) listed in the column below their name.

	No Response	Nominee Jill Tomasello ** WINNER	Nominee Anne deJohng	Nominee Mohi Kakiwala
	Paul Elrich	Linda Ziac Gene Conti Christina Kovacs Donnalisa Persiani Angela Salvatore Linda Lyons Patrick Esposito Jon Perelstein Richard Gillespie Marcia Mandi Karl Sygall Linda Lakin Anthony Simone Bxhon G. Fireharm Sergio F. Roque Ricardo Arce Alvin Maroquin Lourdes Roque Rosa D. Colomai Joe Esposito Jevera Hennessey Joseph Collin Pete Muller Sherill Stovel Jon Gallup Amme DeJongh Phillip Berns Yessenio Simenes Steve Urso Keyosha Duncan-Freeman Lance Finick Bill Catanzaro	Barbara Sexton	Susan Bach Gulam Mohiuddin Kakiwala Kenneth Wenberg Bridgenne Mallozzi Patty Boyd Sarah Boyd
Total	1	32	1	6



**For the Board of Directors - 1 year term**

Each nominee received an affirmative vote from the person(s) listed in the column below their name.

	Nominee Anne deJohng ** WINNER	Nominee Mohi Kakiwala	No Response	
	Linda Ziac Gene Conti Christina Kovacs Donnalisa Persiani Angela Salvatore Linda Lyons Patrick Esposito Jon Perelstein Richard Gillespie Barbara Sexton Anthony Simone Bxhon G. Fireharm Sergio F. Roque Ricardo Arce Jevera Hennessey Joseph Collin Pete Muller Sherill Stovel Jon Gallup Amme DeJongh Steve Urso Paul Elrich Keyosha Duncan-Freeman Bill Catanzaro	Susan Bach Marcia Mandi Karl Sygall Linda Lakin Gulam Mohiuddin Kakiwala Alvin Maroquin Lourdes Roque Rosa D. Colomai Joe Esposito Kenneth Wenberg Bridgenne Mallozzi Phillip Berns Patty Boyd Sarah Boyd Yessenio Simenes	Lance Finick	
Total	24	15	1	